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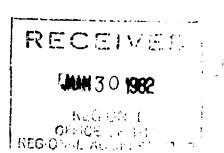
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Ms. Leslie Carothers
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Dear Leslie and Paul:

In recent conversations with each of you I have indicated that the executives of CDE have expressed to me a strong interest in the recent press accounts regarding EPA's plans to undertake a major study effort regarding New Bedford Harbor and related contamination concerns, and they would very much appreciate a chance to have described directly to them the general plans and activities which the Agency is undertaking in this regard. The purpose of this letter is simply to confirm a request on their behalf for such a meeting.

I am appreciative for the time which each of you have taken to give me a quick summary of the general scope of investigations which you have planned. I also appreciate your indications that the EPA Regional Office would be willing to meet with representatives of the company to review these matters with them, to the extent appropriate, in view of their clear reasons for having an interest in the matter. I do believe that such a meeting would greatly help to clear the air and avoid possible misunderstandings, in addition possibly to contributing to a better understanding of the situation by your staff which might aid them in the conduct of the project.

I will call in the next day or two to discuss actual scheduling of such a meeting at a time of mutual convenience.

Again, many thanks and best regards.

Sincerely yours,

John Quarles